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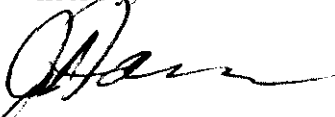
Dear Chairman Powell:

Anaconda Local Development Corporation works to increase jobs and wages in the Deer Lodge Valley. On several occasions companies considering Anaconda as a location for a call center have approached us. For a variety of reasons, we have not been successful to date.

I believe we could compete more favorably if LATA restrictions for Qwest were eliminated and if Qwest could increase demand for its network, thereby providing additional revenues for new investments in equipment.

I know Qwest is completing an application to the Federal Telecommunications Commission. I hope you will encourage your staff to review the application thoroughly and favorably. Another competitor in our market will help us negotiate better rates for prospective businesses and ensure the rates paid by our existing businesses are competitive.

Sincerely,



Jim Davison  
Executive Director

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